

On the move

Year that was

paves way to promising future for installations, community



Maj. Gen. Jason K. Kamiya
SETAF Commanding General

Happy New Year to all of you! It is great to be able to see everyone return from what I am sure was an exciting holiday period with family, loved ones, and friends. As we look forward to an exciting new year, I want to thank all of you – uniformed service members, local national or U.S. civilian employees, contractors, family members, and volunteers – for the work you do each day to keep the Vicenza and Livorno military communities **ON THE MOVE!** Our installations are in flux – they are rapidly adapting to meet the needs of a transforming Army at war, and the attendant support and readiness requirements of the community. We have seen many positive changes in 2004, and let me assure you that 2005 promises to be equally as exciting and rewarding. Let’s pause for a moment to review what we accomplished together during the past year. This is 2004 in Review:

Units on the Move

After returning from a successful mission to Liberia in 2003, SETAF was able to take its lessons learned into a variety of exercises throughout 2004. From Poland to Russia, SETAF continues to demonstrate its enormous agility and capability to serve as a headquarters for a Joint Task Force. Numerous training exercises both in Italy (Lion Focus and Lion

Strike) and in Grafenwoehr, Germany (Lion Challenge), were conducted to prepare SETAF for the mission it will assume this year as the Combined Joint Task Force 76 in Afghanistan. No deployment is easy, but SETAF has proven over the past year that it is prepared to live up to United States Army Europe’s motto: Any Mission; Any Where!

It was a day of celebration when the first buses filled with Soldiers returning to their loved ones from deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom appeared on Caserma Ederle. The 173d Airborne Brigade, as well as Soldiers from Detachment B, 208th Finance Battalion, and other post units took time to reintegrate back into the community throughout February and March.

Herculean efforts by the Soldiers and civilians at Combat Equipment Battalion, Livorno, and at our own Installation Material Maintenance Activity here on Caserma Ederle, resulted in the rehabilitation of the brigade’s vehicles, weapons, radios and optics after a year of combat operations. Equipment began arriving back from workshops just in time to commence training operations in preparation for the brigade’s return to combat. In addition to reconstituting the force that returned from OIF, the brigade expanded three critical capabilities, adding a second sapper platoon to the Combat Support Company, an additional two-gun artillery section and fire direction center to Delta Battery, and expanding the 501st

Forward Support Company into the 173rd Forward Support Battalion. With the deployment to Iraq under its belt, as well as a myriad of training that has taken place since their return, the brigade prepares to head back into combat in 2005 as part of JTF 76.

Keeping it all running behind the scenes, the members of the 22nd Area Support Group worked hand in hand with other post agencies to get our Soldiers and civilians on the right track once back home from deployment. No effort was spared to reintegrate and welcome home those who were deployed and to take care of those family members who were waiting patiently for their return. But excellence is no stranger to the 22nd and they proved it once again in 2004, not only with their efforts throughout reintegration, but also in seeing many agencies and individuals receive USAREUR, IMA-Europe and Army level recognition for superior performance. From the Supply Support Activity to the Auto Craft Skills Center to a Stalwart Award recipient, the 22nd ASG exemplifies their motto – Support to Win.

Although many from our community have now redeployed safely, we still have brothers and sisters in arms who remain in Harm’s Way.

Soldiers from the 497th Movement Control Team, 14th Transportation Battalion, recently returned to Camp Darby from their deployment to Iraq, but Soldiers of the 386th

MCT are still serving proudly in Baghdad. We look forward to their safe return in early 2005.

And we cannot forget about the hard work and dedication of the Soldiers and civilians of the 4th Platoon, 510th Postal Company, who work so hard to keep the letters and packages flowing; the 509th Signal Battalion, who keep us connected through telephone and network lines; the staff of the chapels who help us work through these stressful times of separation and reconnection, and the staffs of the health and dental clinics who keep us on track physically.

Protecting all of us

The safety of our personnel is always a top priority and the Caserma Ederle community is fortunate to have so many resources dedicated to this vital mission. From the Soldiers of the 13th Military Police Company, Italian Army and Marines, to the Carabinieri – who not only help man the gates and patrol the installation fenceline, but patrol the Italian neighborhoods where Americans live; to the civilian guards of CIVIS and Northeast Security who augment our security forces; to the Soldiers of the Army Reserve and National Guard who come here from the states to assist with force protection; to the Military Intelligence Detachment, Force Protection Office, and S2 Offices; these Soldiers and civilians take their mission seriously.

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Additional efforts to ensure the safety of personnel on post include new initiatives inclusive of additional installation of force protection barriers, and additional vehicle inspections.

Installation of excellence

2004 has seen many improvements to infrastructure throughout the installation and many more are on the way.

Leading the 22nd ASG planning effort, and in full partnership with IMA-E, the Directorate of Public Works obtained the resourcing to ensure that we plan, program and build world-class facilities for our Soldiers and their families.

2004 has seen the completion of a new Kindergarten section to the post school, as well as the groundbreaking of two new barracks complexes providing an additional 300 on-base Soldier living quarters on track for completion in 2005. Also, near Gate 4, 116 Soldier living quarters are scheduled to be ready for occupancy by July.

DPW's Housing division has worked hard throughout 2004 to provide the same quality of life amenities to Government Lease Housing that are currently enjoyed by those families living in Villaggio, including the installation of AFN television and satellite decoders, air conditioning and insect screens in all units.

Although renovations continue, two housing renovation projects were completed in Villaggio adding up to 48 two bedroom units and 48 three bedroom units for junior enlisted families and 60 three bedroom units for senior enlisted and officer families.

Housing was not the only DPW agency making improvements; the Vicenza Fire Department completed DoD Fire Officer Certification for their fire chief and fire inspectors. The DoD certification program includes several different classes and was initiated in 2003. The fire department will continue working in 2005 to complete the program for the rest of their team.

The future looks bright for Vicenza. From now through 2010, DPW will focus on building new facilities that support the growth of the Vicenza community. Some of these facilities will consist of a new DoDDS campus, Child Development Center, and medical and dental facilities. Once these improvements to the installation take place, the end result will be a Vicenza installation that will match in quality and style anything now existing within Italy by our sister services in Naples or Aviano. It will continue to be a community that is based on pride and is deserved by the greatest Soldiers and families in the world.

2004 has been a memorable year, marked by an extraordinary planning effort that included every organization and unit within SETAF and the 22nd ASG. The new year will transition that effort into site development and design with the aim to be prepared to begin construction by November 2006. During the interim, you will see many SETAF and 22nd ASG initiatives to bridge the present to the future that will be in place by 2020.

It has been a non-stop year for the Directorate of Logistics. On a wet and miserable day last February there were hundreds of smiling happy Soldiers at Hanger 1, Aviano Air Force Base. The 173rd returned home after a year in Iraq. The first part of the reintegration mission was to receive the Soldiers at Aviano. This part of the reintegration plan was organized and executed by the DOL Plans and Operations division along with the support of the 24th Quartermaster Company and half a dozen Air Force agencies. The plan was simple — get them in, brief them, feed them and get them back to their waiting families at Caserma Ederle as soon as possible.

Once the aircraft landed at Aviano, an Italian Air Force doctor was required to ensure there were no medical emergencies on board before the troops deplaned. Then, the troops were marched to Hanger 1 where they were greeted. The "Yellow Ribbon" brigade from the 31st Fighter Wing Family Support Organization was on hand with hot and cold drinks and every type of cookie and cake imaginable. Once our

Soldiers were briefed about the reintegration process, they boarded buses, got a box lunch and departed for Vicenza.

Following reintegration, the DOL Plans and Ops division coordinated rail movement for equipment and vehicles out of Grisignano and Verona railheads for training in Grafenwoehr, Germany. The DOL set up a Rail Support Activity and coordinated movement of all brigade equipment to and from the training areas.

Concurrent with reconstitution and retraining; the Plans and Ops division began planning for the new deployment to Afghanistan. They have coordinated cross training for selected DOL personnel to operate the Installation Support Activity and the Arrival/Departure Airfield Control Group at Aviano.

In March 2004, the DOL Installation Transportation Office was in full swing reintegrating over 2,000 Soldiers returning from OIF. The ITO personnel were available to assist Soldiers releasing their personal property stored in the non-temporary storage facility and privately owned vehicle storage lot, allowing them expeditious retrieval of their belongings. They also assisted servicemembers by reissuing license's for those that were lost, expired or damaged. The ITO staff worked non-stop for the returning personnel, seven days a week for a month.

The DOL Installation Material Maintenance Activity ended 2004 like it started it — busy. The IMMA continues to make an important contribution to the SETAF tactical mission. In March 2003, the IMMA was instrumental in the successful deployment of the 173rd Airborne Brigade by setting up Installation Staging Area operations. A year later in March 2004, the IMMA started reconstitution of the brigade's equipment upon their return. IMMA inspected and repaired all of the brigade's weapons, night vision, communications equipment, and vehicle trailers. Over 1000 job requests were opened, and hundreds of pieces of equipment were repaired. IMMA had no sooner completed the reconstitution phase, when it was ordered to stand up ISA operations in November 2004.

The DOL Supply and Services division shines with excellence. The SSA won the DA Chief of Staff Supply Excellence Award for 2204. They have also won the Fiscal Year 2005 USAREUR Supply Excellence Award and will once again compete for the DA level award in January.

Those who were left behind while their Soldiers deployed found a variety of activities available through the Directorate of Community Activities. From Army Community Service to Child and Youth Services, Sports and Recreation to planning community events, DCA agencies have been hard at work throughout 2004 supporting Soldiers and families. DCA activities over that past year could be a separate edition of the Outlook in its self, so here are just some of the highlights that have helped make this community a wonderful place to live and work.

DCA spearheaded the efforts to make sure that every Soldier knew he or she was appreciated for his or her service during deployment with an amazing Welcome Home Party in March 2004. Efforts didn't stop there. They renovated the Adventure Travel Center facility to create a new one-stop shopping for all our travel and outdoor adventure needs. The new facility, which opened in July, now hosts Outdoor Rec, Information, Tours and Recreation, SATO Travel, the Vicenza USO, and BOSS. Also renovated was Soldiers' Theatre, which opened its doors in August showcasing its new storage room, green room and dressing rooms.

Recently, DCA has been renovating its Army Community Service facility at Davis Hall, which once housed all inprocessing facilities, that have now moved into the Golden Lion creating a one-stop inprocessing facility. Soon Davis Hall will open its doors as the Family Readiness Center (FRC). The FRC provides deployment-related services and training to family members, Family Readiness Group



During a ceremony at Club Veneto Wednesday, Brig. Gen. Jason Kamiya, SETAF commanding general, added another star to his collar. His new major general stars were pinned on by his wife, Carmen, and two daughters, Kelly and Jamie, with a little help from Gen. B.B. Bell, USAREUR commanding general. During the ceremony, Gen. Bell spoke about Maj. Gen. Kamiya's prior assignments, family support, and being the commander leading the Combined Joint Task Force-76 in the mission of replacing the unit in Afghanistan later this year. Maj. Gen. Kamiya offered the Italian community his condolences for the families affected by the tsunami and thanked them for their support for the Caserma Ederle families. Maj. Gen. Kamiya thanked Carmen, Jamie and Kelly by presenting them each with a bouquet of flowers. (Photo by Sgt. Tara Teel, SETAF Public Affairs)

leaders, Rear Detachment commanders and Army units.

During times of deployment, the FRC will also host the Family Assistance Center. The FAC is a central point where families can receive official information and receive referrals to various support agencies for help with legal, medical, personnel, housing or spiritual concerns.

DCA has also been working hand-in-hand with DoDDS over the past months. DoDDS and Child and Youth Services hosted the first Transition Counselor's Institute (TCI) on Dec. 6-7. Educators from the DoDDS Mediterranean School District and staff members from the Vicenza and Livorno Child and Youth Services gathered to discuss initiatives to improve academic predictability for the mobile military student. TCI was a two-day workshop where participants explored the challenges of K-12 students in transition, resources available for parents and students, building a "safety net" for military students, and research on military students and the impact of transition.

In other educational firsts, a School and Community Information Forum was held in November. This is the first School and Community Information Forum held in the Vicenza military community. Issues raised during the forum will provide a foundation for a cooperative community strategic plan focusing on our military students in grades kindergarten through 12. The School and Community Information Forum was open to all parents with students in grades kindergarten through 12, and students in grades 9 to 12. Parents and students were invited to ask questions, surface issues, and make suggestions during the open-microphone session. These concerns, suggestions, and other items of interest will be forwarded to the DoDDS School Advisory Committee during the Installation Advisory Council Meeting this month and will form the basis for the DoDDS 2006 school year plan.

Looking forward to 2005, DCA is ready to support Soldiers and families with their top-notch programs.

A mainstay in every Army and Air Force military community is AAFES, and they have been great supporters of the Vicenza and Livorno communities in 2004 and will continue to give their same quality service in 2005. From deployment specials to large donations to the Welcome Home Celebration, AAFES is a valuable part of our community.

AAFES has partnered up with other post agencies throughout the year to support programs such as reintegration, the Health Fair, and the Angel Tree program. AAFES also went through some major renovations in 2004 to expand its facilities to better serve the

community. They opened a Barber Shop in the brigade headquarters to help cut down on lines at the main PX. They have listened to community concerns raised through the Community Action Council meetings and responded with expanding hours in their main facility, military clothing and sales and at the Ederle Theater.

Looking to 2005, AAFES will be expanding the family hair center to hold eight chairs, a nail and spa salon, and to provide ethnic hair care services. They will be opening a shoe repair and plaque engraving facility and upgrading the Burger King playground and renovating the inside of the facility. AAFES will flex to the needs of the community during the upcoming deployment with expanded hours and specials to better serve families and Soldiers.

Thanks for all your hard work!

I thank you all, including those from our surrounding communities, for the role you play and for the sacrifices you make to ensure a better future. As we embark on what promises to be an equally exciting and progressive 2005, let us reaffirm and commit ourselves to not only the physical transformation of the Vicenza and Livorno military communities, but to a cultural one as well, where loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage — the Army's enduring values — guide our decisions and behavior, and reflect in everything we do, for this is the true legacy and the bridge to the future.

Thank you again for all that you do, and Happy New Year to you, your families and loved ones! The Vicenza and Livorno Military Communities are ON-THE-MOVE!

Community Action Council

If you have an issue that you would like to submit, e-mail your issue to CAC@setaf.army.mil or call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post. This forum is to discuss issues that affect the community.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$2.50 per hour, per child for children ages 6 weeks through Kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m.

Pre-registration is required. Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, Bldg 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services.

Contact CYS Central Registration at 634-7219 or stop by Bldg 108.

The next CAC is Jan. 26.

Community Force Protection, Safety

From the Office of the Provost Marshal
22nd Area Support Group

The number of alcohol related driving offences has shown a recent increased (2 in November - 9 in December). The totals for first quarter 2004 were seven, four of which resulted in accidents. The totals for first quarter 2005 have already resulted in 16 alcohol related driving offenses, with eight accidents.

Servicemembers convicted of Drunken Driving that involves an accident with injuries can receive a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and confinement of up to 18 months and a bad conduct discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and confinement for up to six months if there are no injuries. Non servicemembers convicted of Drunken Driving could loose their command sponsorship and their employment in the command. Drunken Driving Offenses are reported to the home of record or the state in which the operator’s stateside driver’s license was issued.

There has also been an increase in the number of individuals apprehended for allowing unlicensed drivers to operate their vehicles. When this happens, the owner is subject to a six month suspension of their driving privileges and the unlicensed operator will not be able to get a SETAF driver’s license for 90 days. It is the owner’s responsibility to ensure that anyone that drives his or her vehicle has a SETAF driver’s license.

The only authorized vehicle for sale parking lot is

the BOSS resale lot in front of building 10, the dining facility. Personnel wishing to sell their vehicles must register their vehicles for sale with the 22nd ASG Vehicle Registration Office prior to placing the vehicle in the resale lot. Vehicles parked elsewhere on post with “For Sale” signs in the windows will be towed at the owner’s expense. Personnel parking their vehicles in the resale lot without registering them will be towed at owner’s expense.

December Statistics

- Traffic Accidents = 19 (injuries involved= 5)
- Drunk Driving = 9 (involving accidents= 5)
- Drunk & Disorderly Conduct = 0
- Assaults = 1
- Domestic Disturbances = 3
- Lost ID Cards = 37
- (Repeat Offenders= 5)
- Vehicle Break Ins = 58

Traffic Tickets

- Moving Violations = 82
- Parking = 373
- Seatbelts Violations = 13

Due to mission requirements the PMO will no longer be able to provide fingerprinting services to the community effective Feb. 1. The PMO will continue to offer these services from 1-3 p.m. on Thursdays until the effective date. In the future, this service can be completed through your local S-2 office. Contact Adeal Frater at 634-7197 or Master Sgt. Vanessa Burkhead at 634-7248 for information.

Claims office may not provide full restitution for victims of car burglaries

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Chief, Client Services

During the past several weeks the number of USASETAF personnel reporting vehicle break-ins has dramatically increased. Some victims contact the Vicenza Claims Office concerning compensation for their losses, and many are surprised to find out they will not receive the full amount of their loss from the Army.

Claims are paid according to entitlement spelled out in AR 27-20 and DA Pam 27-162. Claims personnel are personally liable and limited to only make payments defined compensable by the regulation. The purpose of the Army Claims Program is to compensate personnel for losses

incident to service, and not to serve as a substitute for personal or property insurance coverage. All personnel are strongly encouraged to obtain and keep insurance on themselves and their property that will fully compensate any loss.

The recent spate of vehicle burglaries and vandalism is considered incident to service if the event takes place on an Army installation or at your quarters. A police report must accompany your claim, and must show that the burglary or vandalism took place at one of those two places. Burglaries or thefts at other locations are not compensable.

For instance, if your car is vandalized while parked at your friend’s quarters, and that friend is a member of our force with quarters assigned by the Housing Office,

your claim will not be approved. The loss must occur at your quarters.

Also, claims procedures require deducting depreciation and preexisting damage from claims filed. You might not receive the full replacement or repair cost for your damaged vehicle unless you have a separate private insurance policy that fully covers your loss.

Finally, no claim can be paid for stolen contents of your vehicle. The Army has determined that your vehicle is not an appropriate storage location for any item not connected to the vehicle. If you have a stereo with a removable faceplate, and the stereo is stolen, you must be able to prove you removed the faceplate prior to the theft. Stolen contents of the vehicle such as booklets of compact disks, cameras, fuel



USAHC-Vicenza changes command

Lt. Col. Ronald S. Keen (left) accepts the guidon for the U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza from Col. Rhonda L. Cornum, commander of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, while Col. Richard F. Trotta watches, during the change of command ceremony held Wednesday on Hoekstra Field. By accepting the guidon, Keen also accepts command of the health clinic.

Trotta took command of USAHC-Vicenza June 18, 2002, after having completed his Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He is currently readying for deployment to Afghanistan with SETAF in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Keen comes to Vicenza after commanding the U.S. Army Health Clinic at Weisbaden Army Airfield in Germany. His previous assignments include Primary Care manager at Raymond W. Bliss Army Hospital at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; Chief Nurse of the 2nd Region ROTC Headquarters where he served as the lead recruiting and retention officer for nurses; and the Medical Liaison Officer for the ROTC Cadet Basic Camp at Fort Knox, Ky., where he was responsible for cadets from 15 states. Keen was awarded a Masters of Science in Nursing as a Family Nurse Practitioner from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia in 1994. He is a Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner. (Photo by Barbara Romano, 7th ATC Photo Lab)

coupons, and uniform items cannot be paid for by the Claims Office. We recommend you store nothing in your vehicle, lock it when you are not with it, and if you have a garage, store your locked vehicle in that garage. Above all, review your vehicle insurance policy and make changes with your carrier to make sure your deductible is appropriate and any loss is fully covered. In most cases, simple liability coverage will not suffice. Personnel at the Claims Office at 634.7031 can answer your questions.

Out & About

By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Exhibitions

Padova: The 11th International Bikers Expo this year will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the city’s exhibition grounds. Over 230 exhibitors will be present from countries such as France, Holland, Germany and the United States. Open Friday-Sunday 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Entrance fee is 12 euro. The grounds are located after exiting the Padova Est (east) autostrada exit and following the signs for the International Bikers Expo.

Verona: There is still chance to see the 21st edition of International Nativity Scenes being held in the Arena located in Piazza Bra. On display are over 400 nativity scenes from all over the world. Open 9 a.m.-8 p.m. daily until Jan. 23. Entrance fee is 7 euro, for children 6-12 years of age it is 5 euro. Dress warmly as inside the Arena there is little or no heating.

Vicenza: The Vicenzaoro Gold Fair will take place Sunday-Jan. 23.

This exhibition is for operators only and is not open to the general public.

Renaissance bronzes

The Vok Family Collection is a rare private collection of Renaissance bronze objects, mainly produced in Padova. There are some 50 high-quality bronze objects. Some are unique pieces, and testify to the superb Renaissance period of bronze initiated in Padova by the creations of Donatello for the Basilica of St. Anthony. The collection includes objects made before and after the golden period of bronze objects.

After Padova, the Vok collection will be transferred to Ljubljana, Germany, and Great Britain. The exhibit is being held in the Eremitani Civici Museum, located in Piazza Eremitani. It is open everyday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. until Feb. 6. Closed on Mondays. Entrance fee is 10 euro.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

Jan. 12	The Grudge (PG13)	7 p.m.
Jan. 13	I Heart Huckabees (R)	7 p.m.
Jan. 14	National Treasure (PG)	7 p.m.
	Spongebob Squarepants (PG)	10 p.m.
Jan. 15	National Treasure (PG)	2 p.m.
	Spongebob Squarepants (PG)	7 p.m.
	The Incredibles (PG)	10 p.m.
Jan. 16	Spongebob Squarepants (PG)	2 p.m.
	National Treasure (PG)	7 p.m.
Jan. 19	Ray (PG13)	7 p.m.
Jan. 20	The Incredibles (PG)	7 p.m.
Jan. 21	Christmas with the Kranks (PG)	7 p.m.
	Alexander (R)	10 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Jan 15	After the Sunset (PG13)	7 p.m.
Jan 21	Spongebob Squarepants (PG)	7 p.m.
Jan 22	National Treasure (PG)	7 p.m.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2. The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time. Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.

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A Look Back at 2004

Editor's Note: Over the past year, there have been numerous events that have taken place on our installations as well as ones that our units have been involved in. We would like to take a moment to mention some of the highlights, but we also realize there are many more activities and organizations that made tremendous contributions throughout this last year that we were not able to mention here. Thank you for all your hard work!

January

- The 173d Airborne Brigade and Soldiers from other units on post are still serving deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- Jan. 11-13 – U.S. Army Field Support Command commander, Maj. Gen. Wade H. McManus visits the Combat Equipment Battalion-Livorno.
- Jan. 15 – Post celebrates the life and works of Rev. (Dr.) Martin Luther King, Jr. with luncheon and celebration.
- Jan. 19 – A support agreement between the Pisa Vigili del Fuoco and the Camp Darby Fire Department is signed to better define the roles and responsibilities of the two agencies.
- Jan. 27 – Vice President Richard B. Cheney and wife, Lynne, visit Caserma Ederle. While the Vice President spoke with troops, civilians, and family members in the post gym, his wife read to school children in the library from her books, “A is for Abigale” and “America: A Patriotic Primer.” (1)
- Jan. 29 – SETAF is awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award for its role in the U.S. humanitarian relief effort in Liberia.
- Jan. 30 – Look out behind you – it’s Job Shadow Day on Caserma Ederle. Students from the Vicenza Elementary School are spending the day learning what it takes to be a cook, firefighter, broadcaster and more.
- Jan. 31 – Post holds a Heartfelt Thanks Day to say “Thank You” to all the military spouses and loved ones who have supported the troops during deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom. In addition to cooking demonstrations, beauty classes, and massages, seminars were also presented to spouses of the community.

February

- 386th Movement Control Team, 14th Transportation Battalion head to OIF.
- Newly constructed Camp Darby Kennel opens its doors to furry visitors.
- Feb. 5 – Phone numbers change as the Caserma Ederle telephone switch, operated by the 509th Signal Battalion, is upgraded to the Electronic Wahl System Digital.
- Feb. 19 - March – 173d Abn Bde Soldiers, as well as Soldiers from other post units, return from deployment to OIF. The reintegration processes begins, and units take well deserved block leave. (2)

March

- SSA wins USAREUR Supply Excellence Award; goes on to compete at DA level.
- March 12 – Joan Jett, Washington Redskin Cheerleaders, Oleander and more come out to celebrate the return of our Soldiers during the Welcome Home celebrations on the North 40. (3)
- March 18 - April 9 – A group of Camp Darby mountaineers hit the heights of Nepal, climbing to the summit of Island Peak – 6,189 meters high.
- March 30 – Capt. Arie Richards, 2-503d Inf (Abn) and Chief Warrant Officer John Dibias, 1-508th Inf (Abn) are awarded the USAREUR Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award. They will go on to compete at the DA level.
- March 31 – The newly renovated Camp Darby Arts and Crafts Center opens its doors after a yearlong renovation project.

April

- Vicenza and Livorno celebrate military children with activities scheduled throughout the whole Month of the Military Child.
- 173d Abn Bde equipment begins arriving from OIF in Livorno. (4)
- Joshua Tracey, a senior at Livorno High School, is recongnized at the 22nd ASG Youth of the Year.
- April 7 – To help improve proper recycling and waste disposal, Caserma Ederle and Villaggio garbage and recycling bins are moved to create mini eco-centers throughout the installations.
- April 10 – Harmony Hunt takes place on Hoekstra Field to celebrate Easers. Children participate in activities from face-painting to creating Easter cards.
 - At Camp Darby, families enjoy a Camp Darby Family Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt.
- April 15 – Serving at the home front, the 173d Abn Bde Rear Detachment furls its colors. With block leave for those returning from deployment coming to an end, the brigade starts looking forward to training.
- April 20 – For the third consecutive year, the Regional Contracting Office-Vicenza, to include the Livorno Sub-Office, was named best U.S. Army Europe Contracting Office.
- April 30 – Brig. Gen. Jason K. Kamiya takes command of SETAF from Maj. Gen. Thomas R. Turner in a ceremony on Hoekstra Field.
 - The 50th anniversary of one of the U.S. Supreme Court's most important cases, *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* is the theme for Law Day 2004. Part of the celebration is the grand opening of the newly renovated courtroom on Caserma Ederle.

May

- The Livorno Engineering Services Branch, DPW, is awarded the USAREUR Head of Contracting Activity Customer Recognition Award for Fiscal Year 2003.
- Soldiers’ Theatre comes home with three major awards from the Europe Tournament of Plays for its production of *African Tales*.
- Dental Bus speeds up reintegration with mobile service.
- May 6 – Members of the Caserma Ederle community take a moment at noon in participation of the 53rd Annual National Day of Prayer.
- May 9-15 – A group of Slovenian military veterinarians from the Slovenian Armed Forces Health Service visits Longare and spends the week working with personnel from the Southern European Veterinary Detachment.
- May 17-22 – SETAF participates in Torgau 2004 in Moscow, Russia. The purpose of the exercise is to enhance military to military working relationships and to better promote understanding of U.S. and Russian capabilities. (5)
- May 18-21 – The SETAF community men’s volleyball team compete in the USAREUR Championships in Germany. Although the team doesn’t return with a trophy, they feel successful in their accomplishments.
- May 21 – The American Red Cross on Caserma Ederle holds its annual Volunteer Appreciation ceremony to recognize and honor all their volunteers who serve in a variety of positions throughout the community.
- May 28 – Summer is here at Camp Darby as they officially open the beach. (6)
- May 31 – Soldiers from the 22nd ASG participate in the annual Memorial Day ceremony at the WWII Florence American Cemetery and Memorial.





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June

- The SETAF Lions Soccer team takes second place in the USAREUR Championships, securing a slot in the Armed Forces Europe Championships to be played later in the month.
- June 4 – Clothed in cap and gown, 29 students from Vicenza High School stand on the stage of the historic Teatro Olimpico in downtown Vicenza to receive their coveted high school diplomas.
 - In Livorno, eight students from the Livorno High School celebrate graduation in style in the Basilica di San Piero a Grado.
- June 5 – The 2004 U.S. Army Soldier Show comes to Caserma Ederle with songs and dance centered around this year's theme, Heart of a Soldier. The show is paired with an MWR barbeque for the community in the North 40 fest tent. It's an entertaining evening for the whole family.
 - The 60th Anniversary of D-Day – Soldiers from the SETAF community are in Normandy, France, to participate in the week-long ceremonies remembering the start of WWII. Some of those Soldiers, including almost 100 Sky Soldiers, make up the 610 who get the opportunity to participate in the airborne drop at Ste. Mere-Eglise, one of the most popular events of the week. (7)
- June 5-11 – The 13th Military Police Company spend the week with Italian Soldiers from the Battaglione Alpini Paracadutisti at the Monte Carpegna range brushing up on their weapons' skills and squad lane training. (8)
- June 13-19 – The communities celebrate National Volunteer Week, taking time out to recognize all the contributions of the numerous volunteers in Livorno and Vicenza. To highlight the week, Brig. Gen. Kamiya awards 17 community members with the Exceptional Volunteer Award at the 2004 Volunteer Recognition ceremony.
- June 14 – Happy Birthday Army – Following tradition, the oldest and youngest military members of the installation are called upon to cut the cake celebrating 229 years of our Army.
 - After receiving a truly Italian face-lift over the past months, the Golden Lion Conference Center opens its doors to the community in grand fashion. The facility is one of many MWR improvement projects totaling \$42 million across Europe.
- June 15 – Artist James Dietz unveils his depiction of the 173d Abn Bde heading into combat in Northern Iraq in his painting *Moving the Herd* in a ceremony at the Caserma Ederle post theatre.
- June 25 – The 173d Abn Bde has a new commander, Col. Kevin Owens, and the outgoing commander, Col. William Mayville, takes over as the SETAF chief of staff.
- June 26-28 – Champions! The SETAF Lions prove they are the best in Europe by winning the 2004 U.S. Armed Forces Europe Soccer Championship played at Royal Air Force Base Alconbury, England.
- June 28 – A younger work force heads to a variety of jobs throughout the community as the youth in the Summer Hire Program participants swear into their new government positions for the summer.
- June 30 – The Verona Subcommunity holds its final closure and awards ceremony.

July

- About 60 paratroopers from Vicenza head to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Reunion in Daytona, Fla.
- July 4 – Independence Day – Americans all over the world take time to celebrate the independence of our great country!
- July 17 – More the 150 runners take off in the Army Europe 10 Miler. A team of 14 runners from Vicenza bring home the Commander's Cup trophy and 19 medals.
- July 20 – The new Skate Park opens in Villaggio. After the ribbon cutting ceremony, local teens entertain the crowd with a demonstration of rollerblading and skateboarding tricks. (9)
- July 21 – Spc. Megan Pitts, 14th Trans Bn, is named USAREUR Soldier of the Year in a ceremony held in Heidelberg, Germany.
- July 22 – A \$245,143 renovation on the new travel complex, formerly the Adventure and Travel Center, brings one-stop shopping for Vicenza's travel customers. Information, Tours and Registration, Outdoor Rec, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, Community Activities, and the United Services Organization throw a party to celebrate their grand opening. SATO will join the mix in Jan 2005. (10)
- July 26-Aug. 7 – What a drama! The annual two-week Drama Camp takes place on Caserma Ederle at Club V. Youth, teens and adults learn a variety of skills that will help, not only in the acting arena, but also in real life.

August

- August-October – Brigade Soldiers spend weeks at Grafenwoehr Training Area, qualifying on individual and crew-served weapons, and conducting team and squad live fire exercises. Soldiers train hard, and newly formed companies – a mix of OIF veterans and new arrivals – returned from GTA a cohesive team prepared to progress to more complex collective tasks. These come in the form of Situational Training Exercises, overseen by the observer-controllers of the Combat Maneuver Training Center in Hohenfels, Germany. After weeks of rigorous company-level exercises, the brigade conducts its Mission Rehearsal Exercise in preparation for Operation Enduring Freedom and is successfully certified by USAREUR as trained and ready to deploy. Following the MRX, the 173d returns to GTA to cement that readiness with a round of platoon live fire exercises and an artillery walk and shoot. (11)
- Aug. 2-7 – Camp Darby plays host to the U.S. Air Force Europe Small Units Softball Tournament. Ten teams from Italy, Germany, Belgium and England compete. The Camp Darby team, made up not only of Air Force personnel from the 31st Munitions Squadron, but also from other Camp Darby units, take home first place.
- Aug. 3 – The 22nd ASG Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program celebrates the 3rd Annual National Night Out with a party on the Golden Lion patio. Children make crafts, play in an air castle, meet the D.A.R.E. Lion and have their faces painted, as well as take the opportunity to have their fingerprints taken.
- Aug. 13 – Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Peter Schoomaker visits Caserma Ederle. Gen. Schoomaker takes time out to have breakfast with Soldiers at the South of the Alps Dining Facility and tours post facilities.
- Aug. 19 – The sounds of Broadway come to the newly renovated Soldiers' Theatre as part of its reopening ceremony. After the ribbon cutting ceremony, the community is invited in to see the renovations including new bathrooms, lobby, backstage areas, and dressing rooms for the cast.
- Aug. 26 – The annual SETAF Soldier's Recognition ceremony is held at the Golden Lion to recognize the top Soldiers in the Vicenza military community. Staff Sgt. Mark Patterson, Able Co, 2-503d Inf (Abn), is SETAF's NCO of the Year. Spc. Alan Cacho, 13th MPs, is SETAF's Soldier of the Year.



September

- The Vicenza Auto Skills Center is awarded the 2004 Army Recreation Award as Best Auto Skills Center in the Army.
- 22nd ASG SSA wins Best Army Supply Support Activity.

Sept. 1 – Community members gather to participate in Operation Homecoming: Writing the Wartime Experience at the Golden Lion. The program, sponsored by the National Endowment of the Arts, was developed to encourage Soldiers and family members to write about their experiences and reflect over the past year during deployment.

Sept. 7 – It's back to school today for students.

Sept. 10 – The Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction-Livorno, opens its doors with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Warehouse 7 Mezzanine, Leghorn Army Depot in Livorno.

Sept. 17 – The 28th Transportation Platoon changes designation to the 3d Platoon, 68th Transportation Company.

Sept. 20-30 – Exercise Immediate Response '04 takes place in Poland. The exercise kicks off with a combined forces jump of 136 paratroopers from Bravo Co, 1-508th Inf (Abn) and the Polish 6th Airborne Brigade. The purpose of the exercise is to enhance joint interoperability and conduct bilateral training with a partner nation. **(12)**

Sept. 22 – The first Community Action Council is held in the Caserma Ederle Theatre offering a forum for the whole community to address issues and offer suggestions to community leaders for improves to the community.



• 2004 Olympic Gold Medallist in Fencing, Italian Simone Vanni, visits Camp Darby and shares his story with the students of the Livorno Unit School. **(13)**

Sept. 25-26 – The Vicenza Military Spouses and Civilians Club host their annual Festa Italia Bazaar on Caserma Ederle. More than 100 venders from jewelry to frescoes to food are on hand to sell their items.



October

- The 7th Weather Squadron, located on Caserma Ederle, receive the Company Level Project Partnership Award for the second year in a row. The unit is the only Air Force unit to receive the USAREUR award.
- Soldiers' Theatre brings home awards for 3rd place Best in Show, 1st place for Best Youth Performance by Jamie Kamiya, 2nd place for Best Supporting Actor – Andrew Fantacone and 1st place for Best Overall Design, for their production of *Selkie* at the Army Europe One-Act Play Festival in Heidelberg, Germany.

Oct. 4. – The Combined Federal Campaign kicks off and will run until Dec. 3. This is an opportunity for federal employees to make donations to organizations of their choice. The goal for this year's campaign here is \$120,000.

Oct. 4-9 – There is a lot of spirit in the air as Spirit Week kicks off at the Vicenza High School. Although there are events throughout the week, Saturday is Homecoming and the Cougars will face the Hohenfels Tigers. **(14)**

Oct. 12-15 – 13th MPs and 14th Trans Soldiers train at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain site in Artergna, Italy, preparing for the upcoming deployment to Afganistan. The Soldiers receive classes ranging from convoy operations, reacting to improvised explosive devises to dealing with the media.

Oct. 13 – Happy 229th Birthday Navy!

Oct. 22 – The Vicenza Elementary School celebrates the opening of their new Kindergarten section with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

- Athletes of all ages run or walk at the 22nd Annual Run to the Tower held by Camp Darby. The course, which kicks off at the installation winds its way to the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Oct. 23 – Army Family Team Building celebrates 10 years of service with a 10K fun run or walk. Soldiers, family members, civilians and even a few four legged friends come out to take part in the event.

Oct. 23-31 – The students of Vicenza High and Elementary Schools celebrate living a drug free life during Red Ribbon Week.

Oct. 29 – It's Trick or Treat time at Villaggio as the Vicenza community celebrates Halloween.

Oct. 30 – Camp Darby gets in the spirit with the annual Darby Halloween Fest, which includes a spooky haunted house.

November

Nov. 1-10 – More than 800 servicemembers gather in Grafenwoehr, Germany, for intensive training during exercise Lion Challenge, designed to transform SETAF into the Combined Joint Task Force-76 in preparation for their upcoming deployment to Afganistan.

Nov. 9 – Lion Shake '05 takes place on Caserne Ederle. The annual force protection and consequence management exercise tests the abilities of both U.S. and Italian first responders to a mass casualty incident. **(15)**

Nov. 10 – Soldiers and Airmen of the Camp Darby community participate in a wreath laying ceremony to honor all veterans who have proudly served our country.

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day – The Vicenza High School JROTC, VFW Post 8862, and others from the Vicenza community participate in the Veterans Day ceremony at the Rhone American Military Cemetery in Draguignan, France.

Nov. 19 – The 173d Abn Bde dedicates a memorial commemorating all Sky Soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Nov. 25 – Happy Thanksgiving! – Every year the Soldiers and civilians who work at the South of the Alps Dining Facility prepare a feast for the community. This year is no different, as families and friends fill the decorated tables of the facility to share a traditional holiday meal together.

December

Dec. 3 – Caserma Ederle starts the holiday season with the annual Tree Lighting ceremony in front of the post theatre. USAREUR Commander General B.B. Bell and his wife, Kathleen, are on hand to help start the celebrations.

Dec. 4-5 – U.S. Forces Europe Wrestling Championship takes place on Caserma Ederle. Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen come to compete in both Freestyle and Greco Roman wrestling. SETAF walks away with the Best Team trophy and five individual winners from the competition.

Dec. 10 – Camp Darby's holiday season gets underway with the traditional lighting of the tree in Freedom Square. The Livorno Unit School band played Christmas carols and the community joined the choir to sing holiday songs.

Dec. 16 – Army Family Team Building celebrates its 10th birthday with a cake cutting ceremony at the Post Exchange food court. **(16)**

Dec. 18 – The Soldiers of the 497th Movement Control Team, 14th Trans, return home to Camp Darby from their yearlong deployment to OIF.

Dolomites reflections in alpine lake

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There are many winter resorts in the Alps visited annually by thousands of tourists and skiers. One of them is Alleghe, a small town positioned in the Dolomites a few kilometers south of the Marmolada glacier. Its name has ancient origins, maybe the Latin term of *alica*, or *alicarius*, which means barn or the upper part of a house where in the hay was stored.

The existence of the town dates from the 12th century because a church was under the power of the Bishop of Belluno and it is mentioned in a papal document of Pope Lucio III.

Situated along the Cordevole stream, Alleghe experienced a tragic event in the 1771 when a huge landslide fell down from Mt. Spitz, covered the bottom of the valley and formed the existing lake which the town is renowned for.

During summer the surrounding mountains reflect in the blue color of its water and in winter the frozen surface may become a natural skating rink. Many of the national hockey players started their training on this surface.

As a tourist resort, in 1979 Alleghe became part of the Civetta Skiing District, which connects Alleghe to Val Fiorentina and Val di Zoldo valleys and offers 80 km, about 50 miles, of ski runs surrounded by the mountain peaks of Monte Pelmo (3168 meters) the Marmolada glacier (3342 mt.) and Monte Civetta (3220 mt.).

Daily ski passes are available at Ski pass offices in Alleghe.

They include the cable car, the chair lift and the runs.

During the high season, the cost of a daily ski pass is about 30 euro for adults, 21 euro for juniors (children from 9 to 15 years old) and 26 euro for seniors (over 60).

Prices are lower between Jan. 9-29 and after March 13.

People may be interested in taking the cable car to reach the first Rifugio.

The cost for the round trip is 6,50 euro. Cable car service starts at 8:30 in the morning until 3:40 p.m.

In addition to the ski runs, the town has a *Stadio del Ghiaccio*, or ice rink where skaters and visitors can go starting at 2 in the afternoon on Sundays. There are sessions from 2 to 4 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The cost for adults is 8 euro, which



Above: A slope in the Alleghe area which offers 80 km. of ski runs. Below: The *Stadio del Ghiaccio*, ice rink, downtown Alleghe.

includes skate rental, and 5 euro if skaters have their own skates. Children under 12 years old pay 6 euro for both entrance and skates and 3 euro if they have their own skates. There is also a fee for visitors of 0,50 euro.

To get to Alleghe, take the *strada statale Valsugana*, SS 47, from Bassano in the direction of Trento. After Cison del Grappa, follow the direction toward Feltre and Belluno. Before arriving in Belluno, take the SS 203 named Agordina that takes you to Agordo, and then follow the signs for Alleghe.

The Vicenza Outdoor Recreation Center schedules snowboard/ski Trips to Alleghe Jan. 17, Feb. 12 and 26, March 19.

For information about day trips to Alleghe, other destinations, and the cost, call Outdoor Rec at 634-7453. For more information about the ski area of Alleghe check the web site www.skicivetta.com.

Left: Skiers use the chair lift to go to the summit of the area.



Above: Skiers participate in winter competitions scheduled on the slopes around Alleghe.

Right: The town of *Alleghe* in the Civetta Skiing District. The town is also renowned for the beauty of its lake that was formed 225 years ago by a huge landslide that covered the bottom of the valley.

Left: Skaters perform on ice at the ice rink during one of the two sessions that take place on Sundays. In January, the ice rink has a daily session from 9-11 p.m.

